

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT REVIEW
OF FRANKLIN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

AND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This Notice of Intent to Conduct Review of Franklin County Detention Center and Notice of Public Hearing is issued by the Maine Board of Corrections ("the Board") pursuant to 03-201 C.M.R. ch. 2 §§ 2(4)(A) and (C) (2009).

I. Consideration of Change of Use for Franklin County Detention Center

The Franklin County Detention Center ("FCDC") located at 121 County Way in Farmington, Maine currently operates within the coordinated correctional system as a 72-hour holding facility. The Franklin County Commissioners have requested that the Board allow FCDC to become a full-service jail capable of holding detainees for periods beyond 72 hours. If implemented, this change in use of FCDC could potentially impact FCDC and the coordinated correctional system in significant ways. Franklin County claims that the proposed change in use will save money and enable FCDC to provide more effective correctional services to detainees from Franklin County who after 72 hours must now be detained in facilities outside Franklin County. On the other hand, there exists the possibility that the proposed change may not achieve efficiencies due to the amount of bedspace already existing within the coordinated correctional system.

Pursuant to 03-201 C.M.R. ch. 2 § 2(B), in making its decision whether to change the use of FCDC to a full service jail, the Board will consider whether the proposed change will:

1. Accomplish the goals of the Act to Better Coordinate and Reduce the Cost of Delivery of State and County Correctional Services, Public Law 2008 chapter 653;
2. Meet the needs for bed space capacity at the regional level;
3. Meet the needs for bed space capacity and services at the statewide level;
4. Achieve cost efficiencies and future savings;
5. Avoid the need for constructing new correctional facilities;
6. Preserve the capacity to address local public safety needs; and
7. Implement evidence-based practices.

II. Written Public Comment

Pursuant to 03-201 C.M.R. ch. 2 § 2(4)(B), the Board now encourages all stakeholders and interested parties to this matter to provide written comments to the Board. The Board will make any such written comment a part of its record provided that the written comment is received by the Board within twenty (20) business days of the publication of this notification. Written comments should identify the commenter and be addressed to:


Board of Corrections
House Station #111
Augusta, ME 04333-0111

III. Public Hearing in Franklin County

Pursuant to 03-201 C.M.R. ch. 2 § 2(4)(C), the Board will hold a public hearing in Franklin County. The purpose of this hearing is to provide stakeholders and members of the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed change of use of FCDC. This hearing will be held on June 12 at 4:00 PM at the North Dining Hall located on the campus of the University of Maine at Farmington in Farmington, Maine.

The Board does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, or activities. Individuals in need of auxiliary aid for effective communication at the hearing are invited to make their needs and preference known to the Executive Director sufficiently in advance of the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DATED: May 14, 2013



MICHAEL TAUSEK
Executive Director